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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the restriction requirement that the Examiner issued on March 17, 2000, in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-42 are pending in the application. The Examiner restricted the claims into three groups: Group I (claims 1-20), Group II (Claims 21-36) and Group III (Claims 37-42). Applicants elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-20) with traverse for prosecution. Applicants, however, believe that claims 1-42 and especially claims 21-42 form part of one and the same invention. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is, therefore, respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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